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1. The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (11/29/04) affirmed the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 1 12, second paragraph, with respect to claims 38, 52-56, 63-73, 75, and 101-103, reversed this rejection with respect to claims 39, 40, 57-61, 74, and 100. The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (11/29/04) vacated the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 1 12, first paragraph (enablement) with respect to claims 38, 52-56, 63-73, 75, and 101-103 and reverse this rejection with respect to claims 39, 40, 57-61, 74, and 100.
2. Claim(s) 39, 40, 57-61, 74 and 100 are incomplete because the claim(s) on which it/they depend(s) from has/have been cancelled by the examiner in accordance with MPEP § 1214.06. Applicant is given a ONE MONTH TIME LIMIT from the date of this letter in which to present claim(s) 39, 40, 57-61, 74 and 100 in independent form. NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) WILL BE GRANTED. Failure to comply with this deadline will result in cancellation of claim(s) 39, 40, 57-61, 74 and 100 and this application will be abandoned.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nirmal S. Basi whose telephone number is 571-272-0868. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM-5:30 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony C. Caputa can be reached on 571272-0829. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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